

A bill to legalize the official acts of the civil officers of Newton County. Read third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Austin Hook and Ladder Company. Read 2nd time. Mr. Shelley moved to amend by striking out the word "actual" and inserting "active." Carried and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Guinn by leave introduced a bill granting Solomon Wolfe the privilege of constructing a toll bridge across the Angelina River. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries

Mr. Dickson by leave introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, by leave reported a bill and accompanying documents together with the Governor's message on the subject of a hospital fund for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers of the State of Texas in the Confederate Army and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs. Report adopted.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That a committee of nine be appointed by the President to be called the Committee on Agricultural Affairs." Laid over one day.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Tuesday, November 26, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, a prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called. Quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parsons presented the petition of James B. Arnold, President of the Eastern Texas Railroad Company, which was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report: ¹⁰

Mr. Erath, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint an agent for the Alabama and Coushatta Indians and recommended its passage.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed the following: bill to authorize the County Court of Angelina County to regulate the pay of the sheriff therein in certain cases; bill to incorporate the Austin Hook and Ladder Company; bill to amend the 110th section of an Act to

¹⁰ This Report of the Finance Committee cannot be found.

regulate proceedings in the county court pertaining to estates of deceased persons passed March 20, 1848; and bill to amend the charter of the Waco Classical School.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, reported a bill to raise the pay of jurors and recommended its rejection.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bills:

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to incorporate the Rio Grande Female Institute; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Education.

A bill relating to forfeitures of bail bonds in certain cases and recognizances in cases of misdemeanor; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Jefferson Insurance Company; read 1st and 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill to define the time of holding courts in the 19th Judicial District; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill concerning Commissioners Courts; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill in relation to continuances in criminal cases for certain causes; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A joint resolution in relation to the supervision of the custom houses, &c.; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

A bill for the relief of John Henderson; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to amend the 23rd section of an Act to regulate proceedings in the county courts relating to guardians and wards approved March 20, 1848; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to protect the wool growing interest of Texas; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill for the relief of William B. Green; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to change the names of the Counties of Cass and Buchanan; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an Act

authorizing C. C. DeWitt of Gonzales County to erect a bridge across the Guadalupe River; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Samuel Penrod; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill legalizing the action of various county courts in issuing bonds for military purposes and providing a tax for the redemption of the same; read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senate bill supplemental to an Act authorizing the issuing of duplicate land warrants, discharges and duplicate headright claims was announced as having passed the House.

Also a Senate bill to amend the 1st section of the Act of May 12, 1846, to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, &c.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill making an appropriation for the payment of services of the commissioners sent by the Convention to the various tribes of friendly Indians. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Hartley moved to reconsider the vote which indefinitely postponed a bill to amend the Act of Limitations and moved to lay the motion on the table until Friday next 11 o'clock A. M. Carried.

Mr. Casey introduced a bill to amend the 1st section of an Act to restore land sold for taxes to the former owners on certain condition. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Burnett introduced a bill to reorganize the General Land Office and fix the salaries of the officers therein. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on General Land Office.

Bill to amend the 110th section of an Act to regulate proceedings in the county courts pertaining to estates of deceased was read 3rd time and passed.

Bill to suspend all laws for the collection of debts, &c., &c., being the special order, the Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Harcourt in the Chair, and after some time spent therein the committee rose, reported some progress and asked leave to sit again tomorrow at 10 o'clock A. M. Report adopted, whereupon on Mr. Parsons' motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Wednesday, November 27, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the